

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A packaging film comprising:
a first layer and a second layer laminated together by a third layer;
wherein two parallel cuts extend completely through said first layer, but not through said
second layer, to form a strip that extends between said two parallel cuts for the length of
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said packaging film;
wherein said strip can be removed from said packaging film without damage to other layers of
said packaging film.
2. The packaging film of Claim 1, wherein said first layer comprises multiple layers.
3. The packaging film of Claim 1, wherein said first layer comprises graphics.
4. The packaging film of Claim 1, wherein said second layer comprises multiple layers.
5. The packaging film of Claim 1, wherein said second layer comprises a barrier layer.
6. The packaging film of Claim 1, wherein said third layer comprises a plastic.
7. The packaging film of Claim 1, wherein said third layer comprises an adhesive.
8. The packaging film of Claim 1, further comprising a release layer between said third layer
and said first layer in the region underlying said strip.
9. The packaging film of Claim 1, further comprising a release layer between said third layer
and said second layer in the region underlying said strip.

10. A package comprising:

a flexible packaging material having a first layer and a second layer laminated together by a third layer;

wherein two parallel cuts extend completely through said first layer, but not through said 5 second layer, to form a strip of said first layer therebetween;

wherein said strip can be removed from said package without harming other layers of said package.

11. The package of Claim 10, wherein said first layer comprises multiple layers.

12. The package of Claim 10, wherein said first layer contains graphics.

13. The package of Claim 10, wherein said second layer comprises a barrier layer.

14. The package of Claim 10, wherein said second layer comprises multiple layers.

15. The package of Claim 10, wherein said third layer comprises an extruded plastic.

16. The package of Claim 10, wherein said third layer comprises an adhesive.

17. The package of Claim 10, further comprising a release layer between said third layer and said first layer in the region underlying said strip.

18. The package of Claim 10, further comprising a release layer between said third layer and said second layer in the region underlying said strip.

19. The package of Claim 10, wherein said strip comprises a coupon.

20. The package of Claim 10, wherein said strip comprises a prize notification.

21. The package of Claim 10, wherein said strip comprises a sticker.

22. The package of Claim 10, wherein removing said strip reveals an adhesive layer for re-closing said package.

23. A method of making a flexible packaging film, said method comprising the steps of:
feeding a first flexible film into a laminator;
feeding a second flexible film into a laminator;
slitting completely through said first flexible film at two laterally displaced locations to form
5 a strip therebetween;
providing a laminating material between said first film and said second film; and
pressing said first film and said second film together to form said flexible packaging film;
wherein said slitting step takes place within 1-24 inches of said pressing step;
wherein said strip can be separated from the rest of said flexible packaging film without injury
10 to other layers of said packaging film.

24. The method of Claim 23, wherein said providing step comprises extruding a molten plastic layer between said first flexible film and said second flexible film.

25. The method of Claim 23, wherein said providing step comprises applying an adhesive layer to said first flexible film.

26. The method of Claim 23, further comprising the step of applying a release coating to said first flexible film in the region of said strip.

27. The method of Claim 23, further comprising the step of applying a release coating to said second flexible film in the region that will be laminated to said strip.